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Ms. Paula Doughty  
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Re: Review of 1998 Update of the Reclamation Plan and Bingham Canyon Mine Water Management Plan June 2000, Kennecott Utah Copper Company (KUCC), Bingham Canyon Operations, M/035/002, Salt Lake County, Utah

Dear Ms. Doughty:

In order to facilitate a more efficient review, and as requested by KUCC, the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) has been coordinating its review of the mine closure plan with the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM). After several meetings between DWQ and DOGM, it has become clear that the water quality issues are a smaller portion of the overall review comments on the mine closure plan. Therefore, it was decided that DOGM would draft a single review letter to KUCC which incorporates DWQ comments. Attached to this letter are review comments from DOGM and DWQ based upon KUCC's 1998 Update of the Reclamation Plan (1998 Update), and the Addendum to Reclamation Plan June 2000 (2000 Addendum) for the Bingham Canyon Mine.

Recognizing the uniqueness of the mining and reclamation plan for the Bingham Canyon mine, these review comments have been drafted to match the conceptual nature of these updates. We realize a specific reclamation plan prepared today may need to be changed in the future due to changes in technology or operations. At the same time, the DOGM Minerals Rules require submission of a plan describing the proposed reclamation. We realize specific answers may not be available for all these review comments, and ask that for these comments KUCC describe a schedule of the tasks to be completed in order to provide a more specific response to these comments. We appreciate KUCC's efforts to provide this update as a means to bridge the gap between a very generic reclamation plan and an overly specific and detailed reclamation plan.

Please provide a response to the attached review comments with a revised Reclamation Plan volume. Please show changes in the volume text by using redline, different fonts, and dated headers or

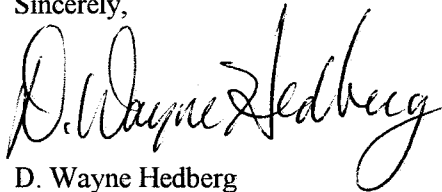
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footers on the revised pages. Please provide a complete copy of the response and revised volume to both agencies within 90 days of your receipt of this letter.

We suggest scheduling a meeting between KUCC, DWQ and DOGM staff after you receive this review letter to discuss the requested changes. After you have had an opportunity to evaluate our plan review, please contact us to arrange a date, time and place for this meeting. Ultimately, a single, comprehensive closure plan which satisfies both agencies regulatory requirements is envisioned. We believe KUCC would support this idea since it will simplify the review process and minimize redundant responses. Thank you for your patience and continued cooperation in developing a more defined reclamation plan for the Bingham Canyon Mine.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: DOGM-DWQ Review Comments

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